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In response to the official action dated August 6, 2008 Applicants submit the following amendments and remarks.